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Tax Commission Complete Work for the Present and Adjourns.

A Deputation From Vancouver Present Their Views on Taxation.

Witness Takes Umbrage at a Remark of Minister and Withdraws.

THE commission to enquire into the operation of the assessment act concluded its sessions yesterday. At least there were no other witnesses in sight at the time of adjournment last evening, and no further open meetings will be held unless intimation reaches the chairman that other parties desire to be heard. It was agreed that the commission should adjourn upon call of the chairman in order to prevent any possible delay as to their desire to give everybody desiring to do so, to state their views. Should there be no further evidence offered, the commissioners will meet in about a fortnight, when the typewritten report of the evidence is expected to be ready, preparatory to framing their report.

The sessions yesterday were taken up by a deputation from the Vancouver Board of Trade in the forenoon, and by Col. Falk-Warren and Mr. Beaumont Boggs, representing certain business owners, in the afternoon. The Vancouver deputation consisted of R. Alexander, John Hendry, Wm. McCraney, W. J. McMillan, H. C. Store and A. B. Eskine.

MORNING SESSION.

The chairman explained the regret felt by the commission at being unable to meet in Vancouver, but pointed out that if they had made a precedent of moving from place to place, other centres would have desired visits also. Another reason for not leaving Victoria was that all the documents, etc., were there.

R. Alexander, speaking for the delegates, read a resolution adopted by the Board of Trade, which set forth that taxation was unequal. The resolutions held that the plants of manufacturers should be assessed at only half the rate of stock. Mr. Alexander complained of a difficulty in regard to the assessment of machinery. Under present circumstances machinery which was really moveable, merely bolted to the mill floors, were taxed as real estate, whereas they were actually personal property. In some cases also they were subject to dual taxation by the city and the province. He did not think the personal property tax could be equitably levied. Another objection he saw to the act in this relation was that it taxed not only the manufactured article but the machinery used in the production thereof. He thought that the tax on the machinery in the case of machinery, he did not think that large manufacturing establishments, employing numbers of men, should be placed on a par as regards the principle of taxing the means of production with mercantile warehouses and such like, which only gave employment in a limited degree. He thought the only way to collect fairly was on income. Many, he said, were not aware to what extent the lumber industry contributed to the revenue. In the last fiscal year they paid over \$45,000, including royalty. In royalty they paid \$32,305.20. The rents of the lands from which this timber was cut amounted to \$9,223.04. In fact, the property tax was \$28,026. The total amount collected amounted to nearly 14 1/2 per cent. In 200 working days they had to make out of the profit of that lumber \$155 per diem for the cost of lumber and taking off the cost of production left a difference of about \$2 per thousand as the margin of gross profit. Deducting the 65 cents which went to the government their net amount was about \$1,425 per thousand. The net amount was about 33 1/2 per cent. of the whole of their profit.

Mr. Cotton: Of course you are considering everything, the taxation on your property, and the royalty on your timber limits. It is not all taxation. The government is not taking the value of the estate in consideration of a small charge on the quantity cut.

Mr. Alexander admitted this to be true. He said he was not complaining of the amount, but as other industries had shown what they contributed as a ground for consideration at the hands of the commission, he thought the lumber industry might do so with equal consistency.

Mr. Alexander thought that book debts should be exempt from taxation. At the present time they were taxing the whole of a man's stock exclusive of the debts owed upon it.

Mr. Cotton could not see the difference between a man having a book debt of cash or a note. He had certain tangible property.

Mr. Alexander argued that in a case say where A had sold to B and B had sold to C and each owed the other for the property, the book debt would be taxed three times over for the same thing.

Mr. Cotton: How would it be if the cash had passed between the parties?

Mr. Alexander said there was a feeling that some of the assessments themselves were wrong. It had been suggested that some parties made proper returns whilst others did not, therefore, that some had to bear a heavier share of the burden of taxation than others. He suggested a system, as in vogue in Washington, where they had a board of equalization which revised the assessment roll after the assessor had done his work. If not this he thought a salary effect would be produced if the assessment rolls were open to public inspection, so that any taxpayer might see whether his neighbor was taxed as fairly as himself.

Mr. Taylor said that the assessment rolls were open for inspection at present. There was a provision in the act to this effect. In fact, this system had been in vogue since 1876.

Mr. Alexander said he was not aware of this. He thought every publicity should be given to the fact so that taxpayers might know of it.

Mr. Alexander said that through a certain portion of the taxes being uncollected, the burden was made greater to those who did pay. He had never heard of anybody having been sued for taxes.

Mr. Taylor said that there never was a time in the history of the province when there was such a small amount of unpaid taxes as at present, and assessments had instructions to go on and detain for outstanding taxes.

Henry H. Stone, Vancouver, had a presentation in line with Mr. Alexander's statement. It contended for a more thorough inspection of the income tax assessment with the diminution of the tax, which, it was argued, would produce better results in the way of revenue. If the tax remained as it was there would be reasonable inducement for the withdrawal of wholesale establishments from the province. It would pay them better to do business on the basis of the commercial traveler. As regards the personal property tax, those paying on income had decided the best of it, and it was suggested that the income tax payers might fairly be asked to assume some of the burden now borne by the manufacturer and the merchant. Personally he argued that taxation was levied upon the principle that the thing taxed was of some advantage to the taxpayer. In this connection he thought book debts should be exempt as it was no advantage to a merchant to carry them.

In reply to questions Mr. Stone said that merchants in this province, being far distant from the source of supply, had to carry large stocks in cases to make a small turn over. The business done was not fairly remunerated by their stocks. He thought, therefore, the taxpayer should be mitigated in this respect.

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FUSHIMI'S APPRECIATION.

Tokio, Jan. 17.—Prince Sadayru Fushimi, who arrived here last night on his return from a tour of America, was received in audience by the Emperor today. The Prince expressed his appreciation of American hospitality and said he was much impressed by the friendliness manifested for Japan.

Wondering At The Surrender

Latest News Increases Wonder at Abrupt Termination of Siege.

Correspondent Gives Theatrical Account of Commanders' Last Meeting.

London, Jan. 17.—The latest news as to the surrender of Port Arthur was that it was surrendered to the Japanese on the basis of the commercial traveler. As regards the personal property tax, those paying on income had decided the best of it, and it was suggested that the income tax payers might fairly be asked to assume some of the burden now borne by the manufacturer and the merchant. Personally he argued that taxation was levied upon the principle that the thing taxed was of some advantage to the taxpayer. In this connection he thought book debts should be exempt as it was no advantage to a merchant to carry them.

The Daily Telegraph's Kobe correspondent gives a somewhat theatrical account of the final meeting between the generals at Port Arthur prior to the surrender, which account was obtained from Russian generals at Nagasaki. According to this account two generals assembled at General Stoessel's house. Asked the reason for two additional vacant chairs, General Stoessel, bursting into tears, explained they formerly belonged to beloved departed; and, having paid a tribute to the gallant dead, General Stoessel abruptly exclaimed: "Well, gentlemen, I presume we will fight till the end."

The discussion which ensued showed that the only alternatives were prompt surrender or speedy annihilation. "Then I am a dead man," cried the Russian general, and the Japanese general replied: "The Emperor's health was solemnly honored. Meanwhile the artillery thundered outside, and as several shells burst in the vicinity, General Stoessel ordered the removal of the Emperor's photograph, the sole adornment of the bare walls, remarking: 'The Emperor is dead!'"

"It is not right that His Majesty should witness such proceedings."

The decision to capitulate being unanimously reached, each general signed the papers, many sobbing aloud. Finally General Stoessel stood at attention, solemnly offering a prayer, brought his sword to the salute, shouted "Long live the Czar!" which the others repeated in chorus, and the council ended.

It is said that Madame Stoessel seemed stunned and cried aloud when she heard the decision. It is added that acute estrangement exists between General Stoessel and his men owing to the arrangement of favorable terms for the officers but not for the men.

Under date of January 17 the Port Arthur correspondent of the Times says: "At a conference preceding capitulation some of the fort commanders voted for further resistance, but they were overruled by General Stoessel. When capitulation became public soldiers looted the stores and drank bottles of vodka. Troops sent to quell the disturbance joined the revelers. The food supply was sufficient to last three months, but there was no meat except horse flesh. No private stores were seized. The steamer King Arthur, which carried 5,000 sacks of flour early in December, (Continued on Page Two.)"

LAKE LEVELS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Joint Commission Is About to Take Up An International Work.

Buffalo, Jan. 17.—Attorney George Clinton has received official notification from Secretary of State John Hay that the lake levels commission has at last been completed by the appointment of the Canadian commissioners, and that it is to be presumed that at an early date the members of the joint commission will hold a meeting and begin the work which means so much to the great lakes country and particularly Buffalo.

The American members are Colonel Oswald H. Ernst, engineer corps, U. S. A.; Prof. Gardner Williams, of Ithaca, N. Y.; and Geo. Clinton, of this city. W. P. King, of Ottawa, who is designated as chief astronomer; J. P. Magbee, K. C., of Stratford, and Lewis A. Coste, of Montreal, a civil engineer, have been named as the Canadian representatives on the commission.

"I presume," said Mr. Clinton today, "that the commission will hold its first meeting at no distant date. We are waiting now for instructions from Washington, since neither branch of the commission can take up the work without instructions from its government."

"Chicago will be an important point in the investigation of the lake levels, drainage canal there. Buffalo will be another point of importance for the reason that it is proposed to erect a dam here to preserve, and, if possible, raise the level of Lake Erie. The dam, if projected, will be erected about at the mouth of the Niagara river."

War Bitterly Denounced

Paroled Russian Officers Condemn Government for Entering on War.

Alexeff Branded as a Coward and Blamed for Poor Fortifications.

All are Revolutionists Who Return From Port Arthur to Russia.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The correspondent at Nagasaki of the Express has had an interesting interview with General Stoessel, in the course of which the general said: "The capitulation occurring on New Year's Day was not a coincidence. The loss of 203-Metre hill and the subsequent captures of forts, combined with the deadly marksmanship with the terrible eleven-inch shells, the depressing effect of the death of General Kondratichenko and the fear of a scurvy really fixed the time of capitulation. It is quite untrue that I dissented from the unanimous decision of the final council of war. Our final urgent requests for relief were never answered."

"As regards parole, I distinctly discouraged any concerted action. Every officer decided for himself. Generally the commanding officers stuck with their men and chose imprisonment. Most of the naval officers also chose captivity. Many probably influenced by the fear of impending court-martial."

The correspondent adds that conversation with the other Russian officers reveals great bitterness against and denunciations of Admiral Alexeff for his harsh and unyielding policy of impending court-martial.

They say the torpedo boat destroyers that escaped before the surrender carried all the regimental and naval colors. The junior officers denounce the incapacity and folly of the government in entering upon the war, and declare that all the men who return to Russia from Port Arthur are revolutionists in spirit.

These opinions were openly expressed in the presence of General Stoessel, who remarked: "Let them talk; they have earned the right to think as they please by heaving untold deaths for our country."

RUSSIA SEIZES KASHGAR

London, Jan. 18.—The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says that the Chinese government complains that Russians have occupied Kashgar, the governor of which has appealed to the Chinese foreign board to open negotiations for the withdrawal of the Russians. Kashgar is the most western city in Eastern Turkestan, and has a population of 50,000.

Paris, Jan. 18.—The Tientsin correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that Russia has threatened to invade North China and Chinese Turkestan if China continues to discriminate against Russian contraband in favor of Japanese.

NERVOUS DEPOSITORS AGAIN IN EVIDENCE

Start Run on a Solid Buffalo Bank But Without Any Result.

Buffalo, Jan. 17.—A run was started today on the Citizens' Bank, due, according to President Joseph Black, to the sending out of anonymous letters stating "that depositors would serve their interests by withdrawing their deposits," and possibly to the withdrawal of large sums of money by brewers which they sent to saloons for the purpose of cashing pay checks of railroad men.

A 3 o'clock about fifty persons were in the bank some withdrawing and others depositing money. President Black announced that the bank would remain open until 5 o'clock, and if conditions warranted, would keep open later.

At 4:50 o'clock it was announced from the bank that the run was practically over. When the doors of the bank were closed at 5 o'clock between 30 and 40 depositors were still in line waiting to withdraw their money. They were informed that the bank would open at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and that all depositors wishing to withdraw their money would be promptly paid. It was announced that the withdrawals during the day amounted to about \$100,000. The deposits exceeded that sum.

This following statement was given out by the clearing house committee: "The clearing house committee and the president of the Buffalo Clearing House Association have made a very thorough examination of the assets of the Citizens' Bank of Buffalo, and state, without any reservation whatever, that the bank is perfectly solvent, and that its affairs have been conducted in the most careful and conservative manner and that the Buffalo Clearing House Association stands behind the Citizens' Bank of Buffalo and will furnish it with any amount of cash necessary to pay its depositors as fast as they call for their money."

STOP BULL FIGHTING.

New Vice-President of Mexico to Inaugurate That Reform.

Mexico, Jan. 17.—A reform measure decided on by Ramon Carral, the new vice-president of Mexico is abolishment of the bull fighting in the republic. Carral has the hearty support of Diaz in this matter. The reform will be carried out gradually. Carral regards the sport as demoralizing and a drawback to the building up of a prosperous middle class in Mexico. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are paid out annually in Mexico for tickets to bull fighting exhibitions.

RUSSIAN FOX AND THE LAMA.

Peking, Jan. 17.—It is reported that Dalai Lama, who has been in exile since 1902, has been seen in the city. The Dalai Lama, who is now in Urga, intends going to Kiakhta for the purpose of negotiating with the Russian government. It is also reported that the Dalai Lama has been seen in the city. The Dalai Lama, who is now in Urga, intends going to Kiakhta for the purpose of negotiating with the Russian government. It is also reported that the Dalai Lama has been seen in the city.

LEIGH STOCKHOLDERS.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Leigh Valley Railway Company was held today and the old board of directors was re-elected.

FIRE STILL SMOULDERING.

Devouring Element Baffles Chicago's Department to Subdue It.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Fire that has been burning in the Schwartzschild & Sulzberger packing plant for 38 hours is still baffling the firemen and the walls of the two buildings may have to be demolished with dynamite to save the rest of the plant.

BOGUS MINING SHARES.

Woman's Arrest in France Unceremonious Extensive Swindle.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The police are investigating an alleged great financial swindle connected with the circulation on the Paris Bourse of \$200,000 of fictitious shares of a South African mining company. The discovery was made when a woman endeavored to negotiate a heavy loan from a Havre banker, offering bogus shares as collateral. When arrested she asserted that she had received the bonds from Baron De Chalprey, who recently was tried and acquitted on a charge of financial irregularity. A search of the baron's residence, the alleged source of the swindle, has resulted in the discovery of a quantity of the fraudulent shares. He was arrested.

Australian Mails Via Dominion

Tender of Oriental Steamship Co. Declined and C. P. R. May Have a Chance.

Lord Minto Addresses Political Meeting and Comments Chamberlain.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Jan. 17.—J. Bruce Walker, the Canadian government representative, delivered a comprehensive lecture on Canada and its resources at the City Hall, Glasgow. He especially emphasized the need of suitable British emigrants rather than foreigners, instead of allowing them to go, as many do at present, to the United States, which is a foreign country. Referring with emphasis to Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, he said that he was speaking only for himself and not as the Liberal party representative, when he told the deputation that the Canadian cattle embargo ought to be removed by the government. He thinks that those looking to the next Liberal administration to remove the cattle embargo are relying on a broken reed.

The Australian government has rejected the Oriental Steamship Company's tender of £140,000 per year for conveyance of the mails from Great Britain. It is now probable that Australia will enter into negotiations with the Dominion government for the conveyance of the mails via Vancouver and Victoria.

Speaking to his constituents at Stirling, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman said he was only objecting to the colonial conference if it sought to fasten on the mother country the injury of accepting, or the odium of refusing, proposals which would not be left to themselves, would not accept. He described the conference as merely a plank for British imperialism.

Lord Minto, addressing a political gathering at Minto, said he was entirely in favor of the colonial conference. Whatever might be thought of Mr. Chamberlain's plans, he had at last brought home to the British people the necessity of thinking "imperially." Canada could not wait for ever, and if she received nothing but a bucket of cold water, she would be justified in saying that other opportunities were before her. The United States were seeking reciprocity in the hope of stealing her away from the British Empire.

Capt. Scott's Antarctic Ship Discovery has been sold to the Hudson's Bay Co. After alterations she will collect furs from the various Hudson Bay stations. She will thus take the place of the missing Stork, which carried 200 guineas per cent, has been paid. The discovery's price was ten thousand pounds.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, in the course of an interview with Standard's editor, respondent at Vienna, stated that with the exception of a comparatively few prohibitionists, all Canadians were in favor of a British preferential tariff on all events for the present. Mr. Fielding is expected in London the end of the week.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF FRENZIED FINANCE

Lunatic Claims That Lawson Is Responsible For His Ruin.

New York, Jan. 17.—Claiming to have lost his fortune of \$70,000 as a result of Thos. W. Lawson's attacks upon Wall Street interests, a man who said he was Frank D. Austin, 40 year old, twice attempted to throw himself from the Brooklyn bridge. He was prevented from jumping by Captain Deva, one of the bridge police, who grappled with him, and after a long struggle in which he was helped by two detectives, placed him under arrest. Later Austin tried to beat out his brains against an iron stanchion in a police court room. He was evidently demented and his statements were incoherent.

U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.

Disgruntled Shareholder Loses His Suit To Compel Payment of Dividends.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 17.—Vice-Chancellor Stevenson today filed an opinion sustaining the demurrer of the United States Steel Corporation in the suit brought against the company by Alfred P. Stevens to compel the payment of dividends against the company's common stock. This decision practically disposes of the whole case. Stevens filed a bill to enforce the payment of dividends on the common stock out of alleged resolution of proceeds amounting in January, 1904, to \$800,000. Stevens claimed that the company was obligated under the statutes to use this money for the paying of dividends on the common stock. Vice-Chancellor Stevenson says there is no proof to show that the company had the money at its disposal and there is nothing to indicate a policy on the part of the corporation to favor the interest of its preferred stock holders at the detriment of the common stock holders. The sustaining of the demurrer is equivalent to a dismissal of Mr. Stevens' bill.

A violent break in the new shipbuilding market also brought into renewed notice an old episode in the outside market. Nothing developed to explain either movement.

Prices on the stock exchange faded away in the latter part of the day and the closing was weak and generally slightly below last night's level. Bonds were steady on a good demand. Metal sales, per value, \$5,115,000. U. S. bonds were all unchanged on call.

Close Season Is Protested

Victoria Cannermen and Fraser River Fishermen Object to Proposal.

Manitoba Members Will Seek to Acquire More Territory.

Dominion Government Decide to Subsidize Line to New Zealand.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Mr. Kennedy received strong protests today from the Fraser river fishermen and the New Westminster Board of Trade against the proposed closing of the canneries in 1906 and 1908. The advocates of the proposal say that all the canneries in the province save two favor the proposal. The department of fisheries also received a protest today from Victoria against the proposed close season for sockeye salmon.

The Manitoba members will ask for increased territory for their province when the partition of the Northwest takes place. It is suggested that the new provinces be called Macdonald and Laurier.

Mr. Macpherson was selected whip for British Columbia at the Liberal caucus today. Mr. Calvert again was chosen as chief whip.

The house had a brief sitting today, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced the estimates for tomorrow. Hon. Mr. Fisher's speech was introduced.

The premier stated that Judge Killam had been offered the chairmanship of the railway commission, but would not be able to accept it until February, as several cases in the Supreme court had yet to be disposed of by him.

Mr. Maclean asked for the reason of Mr. Blair's resignation, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he knew of none. Mr. Maclean hinted at some scandal, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier challenged him to say what he knew.

The Senate adopted the address in reply to the speech from the throne today.

The Dawson hockey team was entertained at dinner tonight by the Ottawa Club and friends.

The Dominion government has decided to put a sum in the estimates for a steamship service between Vancouver, calling at Victoria, and New Zealand. The New Zealand government will give an equal amount. This decision has been reached after considerable negotiations between the two governments. It is understood that the present Australian line running to Vancouver is after the subsidy, and if successful they would run to New Zealand. The government may make a deal with them. Canada enjoys the New Zealand preference and a good trade may be worked up between both countries.

MRS. CHADWICK'S BAIL.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 17.—At the request of J. P. Dawley, counsel for Mrs. Chadwick, Judge Wing today fixed bail of \$20,000 on the five federal indictments against her. This, Mr. Dawley said, would satisfy the state courts at once ask the federal court to fix bail on the county indictments that Mrs. Chadwick may be released.

KING OF BUNCOE MEN DEAD.

New York, Jan. 17.—"The" King, for almost half a century the so-called "king of bunco men," and whose name was known from one end of the country to the other, died at the home of his nephew in the Bronx on Sunday. He was buried yesterday at Fishkill, on the Hudson, where he was born 70 years ago.

U. S. SENATORS ELECTED.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 17.—The two branches of the Pennsylvania legislature today separately today for the United States Senator Philander C. Knox, who was appointed by Governor Pennypacker to represent the late Mr. Quay, received the unanimous vote of the Republicans.

St. Paul, Jan. 17.—Senator Moses Clapp was chosen by both branches of the legislature today to succeed himself as United States senator.

Boston, Jan. 17.—United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was re-elected for a full term by the Massachusetts legislature, and Senator W. Murray Chandler was chosen to complete the remainder of the late Senator Hoar's term.

Augusta, Jan. 17.—Senator Eugene Hale was re-elected to the United States Senate for a fifth term by the Maine legislature today.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 17.—Former Governor Morgan C. Bulkeley received the vote for United States senator to succeed Senator Joseph S. Hawley in each house of the general assembly today.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 17.—The two houses of the state legislature met this afternoon in separate sessions and cast their ballots for the election of James C. Barrows to a third term in the United States Senate.

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Crests Blown Away.

Correspondence Associated Press.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army at Port Arthur, Jan. 9, via Tientsin.—When the Kwangtung peninsula was besieged by the second Japanese army, the entire Russian force in the military district of Tientsin, which included Port Arthur and Dairen, was 35,000. The Russian force at the battle of Nanshan was 41,000, and 2,000 of these were lost. There have actually surrendered at Port Arthur between 3,000 and 10,000 soldiers and sailors, of whom many were men of war. The sick and wounded number 16,000. Fifty per cent. of the officers of the garrison were killed, and only 28 went through the siege unscathed. The fortress could have held out for some time longer but for the fire of the Japanese 11-inch howitzers, which destroyed the food depots, workshops and ammunition stores, and made the repair of the defensive works impossible.

The last news received by the garrison from General Kuropatkin was in October, when he said he had done his best to break through the Japanese lines to reach Port Arthur, but that he had failed.

A close examination of the main line of the defence of the west half of the eastern fortified ridges, from East Klekwan mountain to the destroyed Sunghai mountain fort, where the Japanese emplacements were concentrated during the last days of the siege, demonstrated the effectiveness of the 11-inch howitzers. The Chinese wall on the slopes, the battery positions on the crest of the ridge, and the captured gun emplacements, which destroyed the food depots, workshops and ammunition stores, and made the repair of the defensive works impossible.

It is difficult to understand how the infantry remained in the trenches behind the Chinese wall, in which great breaches were made. The traverses and bomb-proofs of the battery positions on East Klekwan mountain (north) and the gun emplacements and Maitai hill positions in the rear of the Panlung mountain forts presented an awful scene. Not a single gun escaped damage by the Japanese bombardment. In the crest of the hills great holes were torn in the Chinese wall, and the emplacements were converted into heaps of debris. Dozens of guns were smashed and hurled from their carriages down the steep slope by the shell fire. Between Wai hill and "The fort" a battery of 10-inch howitzers had been emplaced, and every one of these guns was damaged, while some of them were destroyed. One gun was evidently being loaded. A shell was in a carrier ready to be put into the breach when a Japanese 500-pound shell shattered the carrier and exploded. The entire gun crew was killed by the explosion, and the gun was torn from its position, whilst all around were the mangled remains of the gunners. The effect of this last bombardment was much greater than anyone on the Japanese side imagined at the time.

The garrison made its last attempt at resistance on Christmas Day against the Japanese infantry, which, by a spirited rush, captured Wai hill. At 2 o'clock on the following morning the Russians exploded mines under the battery positions on the crest of the big East Klekwan fort. These positions, which were well constructed of concrete, are now strewn with broken guns and debris of all kinds. Not a vestige of the former works is left, and the entire crest of the hill, one of the most powerful battery positions of the fortress, now is completely wrecked.

The Japanese always maintained that there was a strong Russian trench line in the gorge between the East Klekwan and North Klekwan mountain forts. This they called the "ghost" trench, because they could never find it, though hundreds were killed every time they attempted to do so. It now is evident, however, that there never was a trench line at this point but that in attacking the gorge the Japanese were subjected to the most awful enfilading fire from the Klekwan mountain forts and the Chinese wall, making the passage impossible.

General Nogi, attended by his staff, the divisional commanders and foreign attaches, reviewed detachments of all arms in the new town square today. There was a stirring display. The generals afterward marched through the town, which shows few signs of the bombardment. No casualties are reported among women or children who lived in the houses throughout the siege. Champagne was always obtainable. "There was little desecration or typhoid fever, but much surgery, owing to the lack of vegetables."

"It seems that General Stoessel was responsible for the fortification of Rojin hill. Many of his military officers were useless, applying for leave on occasions of attack and leaving their commands to sergeants. The naval officers were useless and generally drunk. The whole navy was demoralized by the death of Admiral Makaroff, which produced marked apathy."

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Sunken Warships May Be Floated

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Squadron are in a Fair
Condition.

Kerosene Was Used to Aid in
the Destruction of the
Fleet.

London, Jan. 18.—The Times correspondent at Port Arthur, regarding the damage to the Russian fleet, says the battleships Peresviet and Poltava can easily be floated, but that the former's superstructure is greatly damaged, and that the battleship Pallada and the armored cruiser Bayan apparently are not seriously damaged and can be refloated. These four vessels, the correspondent says, may be saved after great expense, but the difficulties will be great, as there is much more than Japan for the battleships. The battleships Retvisan and Polieda seem to be hopelessly damaged.

As regards armaments, the turret guns were all destroyed before surrender. Some of the guns of the secondary armament are intact, but most of the small guns were removed to the forts. Three days before the surrender the ships were set on fire with kerosene and mines were exploded alongside. Russians state that the fleet was unfit for service after the engagement of Aug. 10. Coal was abundant and it was used to protect the decks of the war vessels against howitzer shells. On the capture of Rojin hill the ships were sunk by opening mines.

RUSSIA'S SECOND SQUADRON.

Perin, Jan. 18.—The Russian squadron passed Perin, straits of Babed Mandel at six o'clock this morning, going towards Jibuti, in the gulf of Aden. This is the division of Vice-Admiral Rozhkovsky's squadron, commanded by Vice-Admiral Botrovsky, which was last reported at Suez on Jan. 12.

Earthquake Burles Many

London, Jan. 18.—A despatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency reports that an earthquake at Slemakha (76 miles northwest of Baku) buried hundreds of persons in the ruins of buildings in the lower part of the town, which was densely populated. The earthquake three years ago that no more houses should be built there.

A VICIOUS YOUNG MAN.

Vancouver, Jan. 17.—Alexander A. Walters, alias Cyril Byron Scott, a young Canadian, 21 years of age, was indicted guilty in the police court this morning to nine charges of stealing overcoats and umbrellas. He also admitted that he was a deserter from the Northwest Mounted Police. In sentencing him to three years in the penitentiary, Magistrate Williams remarked that on six charges alone he could be sentenced to 42 years' imprisonment.

COAL MINERS' STRIKE.

Commissioners Arranging Conference
Between Men and Employers.

Essen, Jan. 17.—The government mining commissioners were in conference for four hours today with representatives of the operators at Dortmund, hearing the miners' complaints. Tomorrow they will meet the mine owners' association and hear their side, and it is expected that the commissioners will bring about a conference between the two sides on Thursday. The German second Pacific squadron were stopping at Madagascar, but since then it has not entered a word, and the situation is one calling for an explanation.

MANUFACTURERS AND UNDERWRITERS

Canadian Association Will Not
Carry Out Proposed
Scheme.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—It was officially learned this morning that the two million dollar fire insurance scheme of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has completely collapsed owing to the attitude of the members of the association who are heavily interested in straight line insurance companies whose influence in the executive was the means of practically shelving the matter by the adoption of a comparatively insignificant substitute which stopped the fight with the underwriters for a manufacturers' company.

The executive of the licensed virtualists' association has issued circulars to all candidates in Ontario, asking them to pledge themselves in the event of local option being adopted to vote in favor of amending the license act compensating the holders whose licenses are thus taken away.

The jury empaneled to investigate the death of Walter Goodfellow, who died from an attack of typhoid fever on Jan. 4 after having been treated by Christian Scientists have brought in a verdict charging Mrs. Sarah Goodfellow, Mrs. Lee and Mr. W. Brunette, Christian Scientists, with culpable negligence and holding them to be guilty of manslaughter.

RUSSIAN LABOR TROUBLES.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—The managers of the Putiloff iron works, the 12,000 employees of which are on strike, posted a notice tonight summoning the men to return to work, and promising that none of the strikers should be dismissed. The managers consent to the strikers' demands for a 10 per cent. increase in wages, but it is decided to hold a general meeting tomorrow to further consider the situation. The employees of the Franco-Russian, formerly the Baidi works, joined the strikers tonight. The managers are in conference with the directors of the concern.

CRASHES THROUGH 11 CARS.

Freight Train at Rathdrum Causes
Bad Smash-up.

Rathdrum, Idaho, Jan. 10.—About noon today westbound freight No. 53 crashed into the rear of an extra freight standing in the city limits, where the engine, detached from the train, was taking water. According to the engineer, his side brakes failed to work and he was unable to stop the train, which was running about twelve miles an hour when the collision occurred. The heavy engine, with 50 cars behind it, literally ploughed through the caboose and ten flat cars, crushing and throwing them aside like chaff, and strewn the side of the track with wreckage and broken cars. Eastbound passenger No. 2 was held two hours at Hauser while the track was cleared. Several of the train men were injured before the collision. No one was injured.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late James Porter, who was one of the fast diminishing little group of pioneers of '53, who came to this new land in the good ship "Norman Morrison," took place yesterday afternoon, the cortege leaving Hayward's undertaking parlors at 2:15 and services being held at the residence of the late Mr. Porter, 417 E. 1st, where the Rev. Canon Beaulieu, who also officiated at the graveside, the interment being at Ross bay cemetery. There was a very large attendance of friends among them being a number of the hard pioneers. Others sent floral tokens of sympathy and esteem. The pallbearers were Messrs. R. Savage, L. Goodacre, J. H. Meldrum, Geo. Richardson, A. Graham and I. Walsh. The interment of the remains of the late John W. McGillicuddy, also a pioneer, took place at the same time, the Rev. Father Fischer, who likewise officiated at Ross bay cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Davidson, G. F. Kane, P. Decarriere and S. C. Carroll.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Wild Lilies to Beautify the Park—A
Vagrant Indian Fern.

An exceedingly well attended meeting of the British Columbia Natural History Society was held on Monday evening in the "caveau" room at the Parliament building, Captain J. C. Walbran filling the chair. Mr. Walbran reported the results of the wild flower committee that he had planted the seeds of the white lily on both sides of the park road, and in other well-chosen localities at Beacon Hill Park, and had hopes of a good result.

A cheque for the sum of \$10 was received from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor as a donation to the John Famin memorial fund, and the thanks of the society were ordered to be extended to the donor.

In view of the expected early visit of the members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers to the province, some time in July, the executive committee were requested to formulate plans for the proper reception and entertainment of these visitors.

A specimen of wood found on Bowen Island, and exhibited by Mr. Landsberg, was identified as a portion of one of the tree ferns, or exogins, which grow in the West Indies and South America, and had never previously been brought to this province in some foreign ship and placed upon the island. It has no connection whatever with the ferns or woods of British Columbia.

The usual routine of business being concluded, Canon Beaulieu, in his concluding remarks, had prepared a very happy and eloquent manner, gave an excellent address touching upon some of the most important and interesting scenes in his recent visit to Europe. He gave incidentally a short but clear description of many of the old castles of the motherland, the various museums he had visited in England and Switzerland, and also that monumental engineering work, the Simplon tunnel.

TRYING TO INVOLVE FRANCE AND CHINA

Russia Protests Against the
Alleged Violation of China's
Neutrality.

Tokio, Jan. 17.—The note of the Russian government to the powers calling attention to the alleged violation by China of her declared neutrality, which Russia charges has been at the instance of Japan, has created the impression in the Japanese capital that the Russians are trying to involve France, China and other powers in the war, so that Russia may take her defeat with greater grace.

A prominent Japanese official said to the correspondents of the Associated Press today: "France recently declared that vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron were stopping at Madagascar, but since then it has not entered a word, and the situation is one calling for an explanation."

It cannot be believed that the same Frenchmen will be seriously influenced by the documents alleged to have been prepared by Gen. Kodama, showing a plan of campaign for a Japanese invasion of French Indo-China, which are forgeries. It should be Russia's scheme to first entrench France in conflict with China, it would be more easily understood than to provoke England alone, which act would not bring assurance of French support."

AN ECCLESIASTICAL ROW.

Right Reverends Will Fight It Out in
Civil Courts.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—The controversy between Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop of the central Pennsylvania diocese, and Rev. Dr. I. N. W. Irvine took a new turn today, and it is probable that the whole affair will be brought in the civil courts. Dr. Irvine today filed notice of a suit for slander against Bishop Talbot, asking for damages. The papers were served on the bishop, who came here today to preside at the meeting of the general committee on Sunday school education at the Episcopal church, of which he is chairman.

CARNEGIE'S NOBLE ACT.

Innocent Cause of Bank Failure Aids
Distressed Depositors.

Oberlin, Jan. 17.—President King of Oberlin college announced at chapel today that all moneys lost by students through the failure of the Citizens' National Bank, which closed its doors at the time of the alleged Chadwick forgeries, would be paid percentage on the amount shown in the pass books. President King announced further that Andrew Carnegie was the man who was doing this. At the time of the failure the studies of privation and hardships their money in the bank was brought to Mr. Carnegie's attention and he asked for a list of all worthy depositors. Today a check was received from Mr. Carnegie, who, President King stated, was immediately financing in the bank failure and in no wise responsible. It was not wish to see deserving students and others suffer. Besides the depositors Mr. Carnegie repaid about \$8,000, which was lost in the same failure.

Local News.

Bank Clearances.—The clearings of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending yesterday amounted to \$850,033.

School Board Meets.—There is to be a meeting of the school board, the first since the elections, at the City hall at 8 o'clock this evening.

Victoria Nurses.—Nurses who have not handed in their addresses and telephone numbers to Campbell's prescription store should do so at once, as the telephone directory will be published at the end of January.

Victoria-Angeles Ferry.—The proposal to establish a ferry service between Victoria and Port Angeles has not yet advanced beyond its initial stages. It is hoped however that the scheme will before very long successfully materialize.

Oliver's Meeting.—Only eighteen persons were present at John Oliver's meeting to register a kick against the Assessment Act at a Ladies' club on Saturday evening last. The gathering was considered a "frost" and was a complete failure from a political standpoint.

Mothers' Club.—The Mothers' Club will hold its first meeting for the winter term this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Spring Ridge school. Anyone interested will be made welcome at any of these meetings, as they are meant to benefit mothers in all parts of the city.

Increased Production.—In reference to the increased mineral product of the province during last year, published yesterday morning, an error crept in with regard to the production of lead. It was stated that the output was less than that of the previous year. Instead the amount of lead mined, as can be seen from the table then published, totalling \$1,500,000, was more than double that of the year before.

Seek License Transfer.—A number of men who have held hotel and liquor licenses at Esquimalt, now that their business has been practically ruined by the navy withdrawal, are seeking a transfer of their licenses within the confines of the city. The matter will come before the licensing board at its next regular session.

Foresters' Meeting.—Court Victoria, B.C., O. J. will hold its regular fortnightly meeting tonight at the Victoria Hotel, for Mr. Leiser, Sir William Wallace hall, Broad street, for the transaction of business and the initiation of half a dozen candidates. At the close of the meeting the usual monthly dance will take place, when a good time is assured all who attend.

Business Change.—Robert Burnes is now proprietor of the People's dry goods store on Douglas street. Mr. Burnes, who for many years has been confidential clerk and assistant for Mrs. Leiser in the Douglas street store, has purchased Mrs. Leiser's interests in the business. Mr. Burnes is well and favorably known as an energetic young man, and doubtless will achieve success as proprietor of the well-known store.

Lodge Competition.—An interesting competition was held in the Odd Fellows' hall last night between Columbia Lodge and Vancouver Encompassment. The score was 48 points to 24, in favor of Columbia Lodge. A dance will take place in the near future between No. 4, Dominion Lodge, and Columbia Lodge. There are a few tickets left for the Odd Fellows' hall tomorrow night, and anyone wishing to go should lose no time in securing one.

Dominion Exhibition.—General dissatisfaction was felt and expressed yesterday because of the announcement in Colfax despatches from Ottawa that no grant would be made for the Dominion exhibition in British Columbia this year. A very great amount of work had been done looking to the securing of this bonus for one of the British Columbia provinces and to find that it has been so much labor lost is disheartening in the extreme.

William Fraser Dead.—The inquest held yesterday into the circumstances surrounding the death of the late William Fraser, who passed away at Gordon Head on Saturday, resulted in a finding of death "from natural causes." Deceased was of Scottish birth and had served with the famous Black Watch in the Crimea. He came to British Columbia as long ago as 1849, and was among the most revered of the elder pioneers.

Revivalist Meetings.—The revivalist meetings being held this week in the Metropolitan Methodist church are being well attended. The meeting held yesterday evening was a grand success. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Adams, delivered a stirring address and several fine solos from members of the choir added to the enjoyment of the evening. The meetings are to be continued throughout the week, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The Librarian.—A very large number of applications are pouring into the city library office for the position of city librarian, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. S. Goward, who for years held the post in the old city hall. Applications are going to be called for in the regular way and until then the letters of the numerous people who apply are simply "piled up and filed." It is assumed that the gentleman who is appointed to the post of librarian, now vacant at the city hall, will be the choice for librarian at the Carnegie building, with an increase of salary, hence the large number of seekers for that office.

St. Barnabas' Social.—The regular fortnightly social of St. Barnabas' church was held in the schoolroom last night. There was a large attendance and the programme was thoroughly appreciated. Rev. E. G. Miller presided and rendered two vocal solos in his usual pleasing style. Miss Seaworth gave a delightful vocal solo and played the accompaniment for Mr. Talbot's violin solo. Mr. Farmer recited in his best style, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to reminiscences, etc. These gatherings are very popular and the entertainment provided is always excellent, so the people of the church thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Pacific Club.—The annual meeting of the Pacific Club was held last night at the club rooms, which were well filled.

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January 18th, 1905.

TOM GEORGE USES WINCHESTER RIFLE

Arrested This Morning for Firing Two Shots at H. Wheeler During Quarrel.

There was a row on the Indian reserve last night, and as a result Tom George is under arrest at the city lock-up charged with shooting with intent to commit grievous bodily harm; he fired two shots with a Winchester rifle at Henry Wheeler. Both men had been drinking, for despite the vigilance of the officers of the law those who sell liquor to Indians continue to supply the firewater. They quarreled about their women, George accusing Wheeler of being too friendly with his wife, and after shouting epithets at each other George seized his rifle and fired two shots at Wheeler.

The fight took place this morning soon after midnight in the vicinity of the Everett street on Esquimalt road at the corner of Craigflower road. The saloonkeeper at once telephoned to the police and reported to Jailer Allen that a fight was in progress between some Indians and two shots had been fired. The patrol with Constables Blackstock, Fry and Clayards arrived at once hurried to the scene. They found that George had returned to his house on the reserve, and Wheeler was in hiding, fearing the angry man with the rifle. George was found and placed under arrest and later Wheeler was located and is being held as a necessary witness. He stated to the police that there had been a quarrel about the women and George had fired at him. George says he fired in the air to frighten Wheeler. Constables Clayards and Deasy were investigating the case, seeking further witnesses, at an early hour this morning.

TATOOSH REPORT.

Tatoosh, Jan. 17.—9 a. m.—Clear; east, 25 miles. No shipping. 12 p. m.—Clear; east, 20 miles. Inward, Alvina Camano, towing, at 1:30 p. m. 4 p. m.—Clear; east, 20 miles. Inward, Umatilla, at 2:30 p. m. Outside, bound in, four-masted schooner, towing.

THE TIDES.

High water 11:32 p. m.
Low water 7:32 p. m.



MALTESE CROSS RUBBERS

THEY ARE GRACEFUL ALIKE FOR DAY AND EVENING WEAR.

Sittings Are Suspended

(Continued from Page One.)

W. J. McMillan, Vancouver, said it was the smaller merchants and retail trader who must bear the heaviest share of the tax on book accounts. He described the assessment of book accounts as an unjust tax. He thought that merchants having business establishments in the province, and who had to bear the taxation should have some protection. In this regard he suggested a tax on commercial travelers which would be equivalent to taxing the concerns which they represented.

Mr. Cotton suggested that driving out the commercial traveler might only lead to business being done by mail.

Mr. McMillan in further illustrating his point that the taxation of book debts fell upon the smaller merchant, said that in many cases where they were doing business in country places it was necessary for them at times to carry the farmers over from one crop to another.

Mr. John Boyd emphasized the point that the business done in the province through the medium of the commercial traveler, should be taxed. He suggested that it might be done in the turn over, that is on the amount of the sales made.

In speaking in connection with the principle of taxation he raised the point that there should be no difference between the income of the professional man and that of the merchant.

Mr. Alexander approved of the idea that mercantile houses located outside the province, doing business through a traveler, should contribute to the tax, in the same proportion as the locally established merchant would on the amount of business done. He also thought that outside firms having agencies in the province should be compelled to keep books being sent that they might be assessed in the same way as home establishments were.

Mr. W. L. Fagan, assessor for Vancouver, gave evidence as to the working of the act in that city, in effect that he had found that on the whole it had proved satisfactory. He suggested one or two alterations in the form which taxpayers are required to fill in, which the commission noted for consideration.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Col. Falk-Warren appeared to make certain representations on behalf of the small settlers located between Kamloops and Cranbrook. He said he would attempt to prove that there was no system in the method of assessing these. The lands he referred to were located by those who originally came into the country, and who received crown grants for their holdings. He claimed that the court of revision, which he considered as a place of appeal for these lands, did not alter their disposal. He instanced a number of cases where he claimed property was assessed in that region, at an advance over the small holder. One man owned 11,000 odd acres. His property was valued at something over \$38,000, about \$418 per acre. There was another owner at Kamloops who had 2,500 odd acres, valued at \$9,800, or \$38.80 per acre. Then there was another who possessed 1,181 acres, valued at \$50,000, or \$42.35 per acre. In the same district, a little further removed from the railway, another owned 1,000 acres, valued at \$8,000, or \$8.00 per acre. Another case was that of a man who owned 1,000 odd acres, valued at \$32,000, or \$32 per acre. This was one of the most important properties in the province. There was another property only 200 acres, valued at \$22,000, or \$110 per acre. He had taken these cases haphazard from the list.

Mr. Cotton—Are those agricultural properties or ranching properties?

Col. Falk-Warren—They are all cultivated, except one case, which consists of grazing lands, the owner keeping a great number of cattle.

Col. Falk-Warren proceeded to instance cases. At Vancouver there was a piece of 4,110 acres, valued at \$27,000, or \$6.50 per acre. Another, consisting of agricultural lands entirely, of 5,600 acres, assessed at \$32,500, or \$5.80 per acre. Other of 8,700 acres, assessed at \$50,400, or \$5.80 per acre, and another consisting of 13,900 acres, valued at \$113,000, or \$8.05 per acre.

He asked the commission to believe that these owners were paying what was right; neither too little nor too much. These lands were fairly assessed, what was the value of a bush farm where a man must clear even the first few yards in which to put up his house, of place located on a road or more from a railway station? And yet these men were taxed as high and higher than the cases he had cited. If the cost of clearing these lands were put at the very highest rate possible, say \$8 per acre, how much would they be paying for the forest land which was of no use at all until it was cleared? Say they cleared 10 acres cleared, and were charged for 100 acres, that part which was of no use, even as pasture, would be paying on the valuations made by the assessor, a considerable amount. The assessment of these lands had been raised up in a jump, without the assessor really knowing the value of the land, and as a result, if it were done for a distinct motive. He would not say it was done on purpose, but it looked like it.

Col. Falk-Warren then alluded to what he described as a delicate matter. He wrote an official letter to the minister (Mr. Tatlow), who, he knew, would give him all the information which he desired. He said he did not know that "personal" was intended to mean "private and confidential." So he made use of the letter. This letter gave the impression that the new assessment would leave these men in exactly the same position they were in before.

Certain exemptions, he said, were allowed by law. The first was that \$500 should be struck off the assessment value. This, if given to a man, would strike \$500 off \$500 and only allow \$500 to be assessed. That \$500 had not been deducted in one single instance in the district referred to. He said he had received a number of letters from an official of the government in regard to the assessment on one of these properties, stating that the direction could not be followed because he held a crown grant. As to another instance, the official had written him that the rebate had been already allowed. Which, he said, was not true. He did not wish to attack the official. It was the system he objected to. He presumed the official was so busy that he could not get an office to examine exemption had been allowed. Then in many instances the 40 per cent. discount allowed by the act on payments made in advance of the full amount, had been refused to these men on the ground that their lands were crown granted, because they possessed a title. He wanted the commission to explain this to him, but the chairman suggested that Col. Falk-Warren should proceed with his observations, and that the commission would consider them in their final deliberations.

Whereupon Capt. Tatlow rose to remark that Col. Falk-Warren had made a very insinuation against himself. Col. Falk-Warren adjusted his monocle and proceeded at Capt. Tatlow, hotly denying the allegation, and suggesting in dramatic fashion that the impeachment should be mitigated or withdrawn.

This result not following, he proceeded to read Capt. Tatlow's letter referred to, and being evidently satisfied that this settled the rights of the matter, asked the word "dirty" as applied to his denunciations should be withdrawn.

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THE TIME HAS COME.

Our Ottawa correspondent yesterday referred to the probability of Sir Wilfrid Laurier acceding to the representations of the Provinces in favor of an increase of subsidies, and we may take it for granted that his information is authentic. The despatch indicates what we have been stating as probable that the granting of Provincial autonomy to the Northwest Territories, or in other words, the forming of one or more new Provinces there, would form the occasion for reviewing the relations of all the Provinces with the Dominion. That seemed to us to be inevitable.

We have urged the importance of the case of British Columbia's peculiar claims for consideration being brought prominently before the Dominion Government and Parliament at the same time, in order that a new arrangement might not go into effect that would make further readjustment, so far as British Columbia is concerned, still more difficult. The time has, therefore, in our opinion, arrived when a most decided stand should be taken. Of all questions which affect the future of this Province that of the readjustment of our financial relations with the Dominion in accordance with our local requirements, is the most important. Naval armament, increased appropriations on the part of the Government in favor of British Columbia, railway construction, the settlement of the fisheries question, Indian reserves, or what not, however material in themselves, are insignificant as compared with the supreme issue of Better Terms on the basis which has been outlined in these columns.

The question has unfortunately within the Province been prejudiced in the minds of many opposed to the local administration by the misapprehension that it has been raised by the latter as one of political advantage to itself and of opposition to the Liberal Government at Ottawa. They have failed to differentiate between the just claims of the Province as a Province and their advocacy as part of a political platform. This is shortsighted, if nothing else, even from a partisan point of view, because as sure as there is a sun in the sky, if a Liberal Government were in power in the Province tomorrow, it would be beset with the same financial difficulties as the present Government has been, and it would be forced to similar conclusions as to the inadequacy of the allowance made by the Dominion Government for local requirements entailed through the peculiar physical conditions of the Province. It is an absolute mathematical certainty from which there is no escape. To oppose the claims of the Province for special consideration as a means of embarrassing the McBride administration is placing a bar in the way of recognition they would seek, if the Opposition should come into power. It is an ill-bred bird that fouls its own nest, and the attitude taken by the Liberal press today, either as the result of partisan blindness or misapprehension of the merits of the question is an illustration of that mistaken, not to say unpatriotic, policy in regard to their own Province.

As the Province becomes opened up by railways, and the requirements of internal development become more general throughout the vast extent of British Columbia from east to west and north to south, the financial stress will become more marked, and the hopes of those who dwell on the "illimitable possibilities" of this great Province will be blighted by the limitations imposed through insufficient sources of revenue. People are crying out for railways and roads and schools, and many other things, and the demands for these will become more incessant as the area requiring administration becomes widened. No amount of economy will compensate for the responsibilities thrown upon the local administration by the terms of union, and only federal subsidies commensurate with the task to which we have become heir through Confederation—a task incomparably greater than that of any other of the members of that union—can suffice.

The duty of the hour is to strike for recognition when the opportunity will be opened up to us through the formation of new Provinces and the general revision of terms that is about to take place. The increased subsidy that will come to the Province on the basis of population as part of a uniform plan of readjustment will leave British Columbia relatively better off than she was. As the other Provinces, with much larger populations, will receive greatly increased subsidies, our tribute to the Dominion in consequence of the increased general expenditure will be greater than what we shall have received. We shall in that sense be worse off. The general readjustment comes as the re-

sult of the political dominance of the Eastern Provinces, and not as a recognition of the representations made on behalf of British Columbia, and it cannot be welcomed here as any relief for the exceptional disabilities under which, all alike admit, we labor in this Province. It is not salve for our wounds, but the indication of increased burdens to bear on account of the general wealth in Canada. Our representatives at Ottawa have their opportunity. Will they seize it?

CHINESE COAL AND IRON.

Those who are discussing the developments on this coast arising out of the production of coal and iron would do well to consider the possibilities which there are in view in China in a similar way. In Shansi and Honan there are enormous deposits of coal, both anthracite and bituminous, declared by experts to be equal to the best Pennsylvania and South Wales varieties. With the approaching completion of the railway to Taokou on the Wei River, 75 miles long, it will be possible, says Engineering to bring fuel to the coast at a price that will make it impossible for foreign coal to compete with it. The present price for good European steam coal varies from 30s. to 40s. per ton, whereas in China the coal can be produced at the pit mouth at from 1s. to 2s. 6d. per ton, and the cost of carriage, when the necessary lines are completed to Nanking, will be 10s., and very little more to Shanghai, which imports annually 1,000,000 tons. Hitherto, the exploitation of these extensive coal fields has been hindered by lack of transportation facilities. There is also a large trade opening in the interior which is described as capable of indefinite expansion. The known coal fields of China are estimated to cover 400,000 square miles, but few of them are worked and only for local consumption as yet. The factor of cheap Chinese labor, it will be seen from the cost of mining, will be an immense factor of development, and we have, therefore, to fear the competition of the "yellow man" in his own home even more than in our midst.

With the prospects of extensive and cheap coal mining come also the prospects of a large iron manufacturing trade in the vicinity of the coal fields. Shansi, we are told, is rich in iron ore, which occurs abundantly in several strata of the coal formation. Engineering says all the essentials for iron work are there—an iron of great purity, rich in metal and fusible, all sorts of clay and sand, such as are required for crucibles and moulds, etc., and a very superior anthracite. It is estimated that pig iron can be produced in Shansi at about 20s. per ton, and can be placed in Shanghai, which does a large iron trade, at 65s., whereas imported pig sells there at 100s. per ton. Iron can probably be manufactured on the Pacific coast under present conditions at \$16 per ton, or at a price, if the Engineering figures are correct, about equal to what it can be laid down at Shanghai. The difference in the cost of production arises out of the difference in the price of coal and labor.

THE LUMBER INDUSTRY OF THE INTERIOR.

At the last meeting of the Revelstoke Board of Trade a resolution was passed asking the Dominion Government to impose a duty of \$2 per thousand on second-class lumber with a view to assisting the industry in the interior districts. One of the arguments made was that it was important in the interests of the Northwest, as well as to British Columbia, inasmuch as several hundred Northwest settlers found work each winter in the logging camps of British Columbia and earned sufficient to hold their pre-emption. It was also pointed out that this Province was an important market for Northwest products. The amount of labor provided for the settlers is, as an argument, good as far as it goes, but is too local in its application and practically without effect in a country so extensive as the Northwest and containing so many settlers. The one great argument is the question of principle involved, wherein discrimination is shown against a single industry in a country in which protection is otherwise universal. The local results are shown in the shutting down wholly, or in part, of the mills and logging camps of the Empire Lumber Company, the Big Bend Lumber Company, the Yale-Columbia Company and the Columbia River Lumber Company. This means that several hundred men are thrown out of work and that the payrolls of the districts affected were reduced to that extent. The report of the meeting in question says that one of the speakers went so far as to say that men depending on the lumber industry for work were starving at the present moment. This is serious enough, especially when we consider that the Northwest is filling up with people and the demand for lumber is sufficient, if conserved to British Columbia mills, to keep the latter all fully employed. The contention of the lumbermen is that it would not cost the settler any more for his lumber with protection than it does now, as the dealer in lumber makes a profit of the difference between the "dumping" price of the United States mills and the regular market price. Nobody is really benefited by the lack of protection, except the middleman, and the lumber industry in British Columbia is seriously injured.

A FEW STATISTICS.

A few figures, we may say, are relished now and then by the most light-hearted of men. Here are some from the Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion for the year ending June 30, 1904, which have just been received. The aggregate trade of Canada with all countries of the world was \$464,985,567, the largest in her history. Our total exports were \$213,521,235, and our total imports were \$250,211,803, leaving what is supposed to be a balance on the wrong side of the sheet of \$35,690,568.

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In round figures, our trade with Germany was \$10,000,000, much less than for two years formerly; with France \$7,800,000, also a considerable decrease; with the West Indies nearly \$8,500,000, a considerable increase; with South America over \$5,600,000, also a good increase; with Belgium over \$4,250,000, showing decrease for several years; with Newfoundland nearly \$4,000,000, being an increase; with China and Japan over \$3,000,000, also showing a good increase; with Holland just about \$2,000,000, an increase; and with Switzerland about \$1,400,000, largely an increase. With none of the other countries did the figures reach the million mark.

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The total exports and imports of British Columbia for the year in question was \$28,615,416, and the duty collected \$2,724,412. The exports were \$16,530,328, and the imports \$12,079,083.

By ports the statistics of exports and imports are:

	Exports.	Imports.	Total.
G. Forks...	\$ 32,003	410,917	442,920
Kaslo...	1,853	49,420	51,273
Nanaimo...	3,580,502	335,355	3,915,857
Nelson...	1,238,602	704,003	2,042,605
New West...	3,017,716	906,120	3,923,836
Roseland...	3,087,418	506,232	3,593,650
Vancouver...	4,316,035	6,015,540	10,331,575
Victoria...	1,071,418	2,908,150	3,979,568

The Toronto Globe has a new name for the wrongdoings of its party in Ontario. It calls them "sporadic sins against electoral purity," for which no government can be held responsible. These kind of sins just blow around in the wind and settle down in "any old spot," the same, for instance, as the bacteria of tuberculosis. It must have happened, however, that the Liberal system, being a little run down under the Ross regime, became a favorite breeding ground for their development. The aid of science is wonderful in enabling us to explain things that cannot otherwise be understood.

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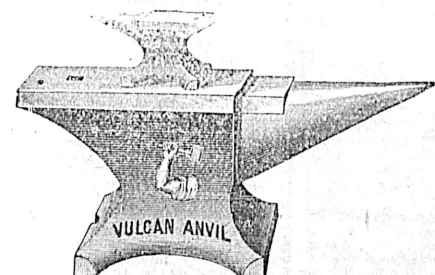
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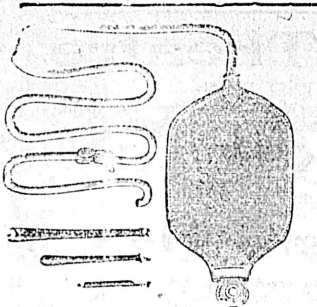
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LOCAL NEWS.

Hospital Board Meets—A meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital will be held at the Board of Trade building, at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Talked of Humor—The attendance at yesterday's meeting of the Tuesday Club was more than ordinarily encouraging, the subject in discussion, that of "Humor," appealing to all. After an interesting paper on the subject by Mrs. Kent, anecdotal and discussion followed, filling up a very enjoyable half-hour.

Not Postponed—The committee on lectures at the Y. M. C. A. wish to announce that the lecture this evening on "The Far East" by Rev. Archibald Ewing has not been postponed. The light views to show, it will be necessary to commence sharp at 8 o'clock. Admission ten cents.

A Gold Brick Yarn—R. H. Johnston, the well-known local seed merchant, has received a fake philanthropic note from a gold brick artist in far-off Barcelona, Spain. The usual story of the daughter and the trunk with thousands in it is told, coupled with the suggestion that a cablegram be sent if the "offer" is accepted. It hasn't been despatched as yet.

Shipwrights Name Officers—The local association of shipwrights, at their annual meeting just held, elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President, Wm. Thompson; vice-president, D. L. Kelly; recording secretary, T. H. Piper; treasurer, Wm. Atkins; trustees for three, two and one years, respectively, E. Kermode, Geo. Monteith and Geo. McNutt.

Gordon Head Concert—On Thursday, the 24th inst., the concert will be given by the residents of Gordon Head in the new hall. There has been prepared a fine programme, including pipers and dancers. Miss Queenie McEoy will be the star of the evening, as she is to be heard in songs and recitations. Arrangements are being made for a luncheon to leave the city at a convenient hour.

Tourist Association—The annual meeting of the Victoria Tourist Association will be held in the City hall this evening. Mayor Barnard will occupy the chair. An exhaustive report, compiled by members of the executive committee, dealing with the past year's work and its results will be read by the secretary. It will be illustrated by lantern views, and there will be addresses by prominent members and others.

The Thursday Evening Club—The Thursday Evening Dancing Club, which has successfully organized last week under the direction of Mesdames Dickenson and Simpson, will hold their first dance tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Assembly hall, when membership cards will be issued. Mesdames Dickenson and Simpson take this opportunity of extending a cordial invitation to pupils and their friends who may desire to become members.

Good Business Scheme—It doesn't take Victorians long to catch on to good schemes for promoting the prosperity of their business establishments. Since the adoption of the five-cent fare to Esquimalt, if tickets are bought in \$5 lots at the company's office, several Government street business houses, located near the city termini of the Esquimalt line, have been buying the tickets and retailing them at cost in 25 and 50-cent packages. They make no money on the transaction, but they popularize themselves and their establishments and indirectly reap substantial benefit.

THE FABLED EGG OF GOLD

The man of the nursery tale, who "killed the goose that laid the golden egg," founded a SCHOOL OF FINANCE and an ECONOMIC SYSTEM which have not yet become extinct. He has an occasional follower among the merchants of today. These disciples of the "Golden Egg School of Finance" are the merchants who, by saying too much money for newspaper advertising. While the past year has been a prosperous one, and they have made more money than ever before, the totals of their advertising bills for the year frighten them, and they ask: "Wouldn't it be due to have money in the bank?" And this is the founder of that philosophy, who wanted all of the golden eggs at once, they figure that they might just as well put the money in the bank as to pay it to secure the golden egg. The man who killed the goose in order to secure the golden egg was wise, then the merchant who tries to get the golden egg at once, he is a fool. MONEY WHICH ADVERTISING COSTS HIM IS WISE, too, for the two propositions are of exact- ly the same nature. Perhaps, however, the man of the fable would have been wiser to have fed, to have cherished, to have cared for his valuable fowl — to have spent money for newspaper com- munity. If this is true, it ap- ples to the store ad- vertiser, too.

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Candidate For Hospital—The residents of Fort street would again most respectfully direct the attention of the street railway management to the fact that the very audible symptoms of flatulence given out by one of the cars operated on this busy route give nervous shivers to a considerable portion of the community.

The Big Hotel—Excellent progress is being made on the operation of putting in the C. P. R. hotel foundations. Many of the piers are already in position and it is confidently expected by the contractors that when the date for the conclusion of the contract has been reached on Feb. 29 everything will be ready for work to start on the superstructure. Speculation is rife as to who will get the contract for this, but the general consensus of opinion is that it will go to some "outside" firm. The approximate cost of the hotel structure proper will be over half a million dollars, between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

Songhees Reserve—The question of the removal of the Indians from the Songhees reserve, which has been a public issue since 1858, is to obtain another airing. Mayor Barnard has, in compliance with the request of members of the Board of Trade, called a public meeting, to be held in the council chambers on Friday evening next, for the purpose of discussing the entire question. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock. In this connection it is to be explained that both Dominion and provincial governments are agreed as to the desirability and expediency of the removal of the Indians to some other point, and the only question now is how to obtain the consent of the Indians. Various attempts have been made in the past, but they have all so far failed.

Port Simpson Property—A gentleman owning 45 acres of Port Simpson town-site property yesterday received a very flattering offer for a deal in connection with the cause of a leading local real estate firm. The proposal is that the Victoria owner should enter into a township deal, the Montreal firm taking a "take-off" in the shape of every sixth lot and 15 per cent. commission. The Victorian who owns the property cannot see eye to eye with this suggestion, and the likelihood is that the prospective "proposition" will fall through. The fact that many inquiries are coming from eastern points for Port Simpson property is taken as significant, and that point is more than likely to be the place for the great terminal point of the new transcontinental railway. The end is not yet.

Ladies of the Maccabees—The regular meeting of the Ladies of the Maccabees was held in Semple's hall, Victoria West, yesterday afternoon, when the applications of several prospective members were received and preliminary arrangements were made for the installation of officers, which will take place in February. A suggested course of reading for the regular meetings was also considered. Deputy Mrs. Spofford and Mrs. Van Sant were present, the former giving an interesting account of the organization of a live in Detroit, which closed its charter with over 500—the largest charter list in the history of the organization. It includes many ladies continually celebrated in literary and benevolent circles. Mrs. Spofford also alluded to a progress the order is making in Great Britain, where 20 organizers are devoting their time to augmentation of the general membership.

Concerning Stoessel—Yesterday's telegrams from St. Petersburg and elsewhere, stating that the credit had been given General Stoessel as the hero of Port Arthur's gallant defence, can occasion no surprise among those who have followed the interviews given by reliable war correspondents recently returned from the front, most particularly those with Nogi's army. Frederic Villiers, when he was here, went so far as to say that it was generally understood among the Japanese officers that Gen. Stoessel had repeatedly endeavored to surrender, and was actually prevented from doing so by the coercion of his junior officers, notably Gen. Fock. The latter is held up by the Japanese and the best informed correspondents as the real hero of Port Arthur. It is declared by Villiers that Gen. Fock had been at his elbow. Gen. Stoessel would have made but very short resistance, after the closing in of the Japanese lines began.

Advertising Victoria—Everyone in Victoria knows the quality and fame of Rogers' candies, which really are a product of which the city has reason to be proud. Everyone who is, however, knows the fact that latterly their reputation has spread far and wide. Yesterday a number of boxes of the choicest were sent from the manufactory by mail to Southampton, and Mr. Rogers tells the Colonist that during the past year he has sent, to fill orders, specially prepared boxes of his sweets to all parts of America and to Europe. His sales have ranged from Shanghai, in distant China, to England, beyond another ocean, while there have been calls for them from Boston, New York and Philadelphia and as far south as Richmond, Va. The majority of the purchasers from out-of-town are tourists who have recently visited Victoria, and who, upon returning to their homes, become regular customers.

The New "Old Men's Home"—The committee of the city council re-new Home for the Aged and Infirm, at the corner of Adams and Esplanade, with Aid. Fell and Hall as assistants, intend doing no time in making a recommendation to the council for a new site for the institution which will replace the structure in the vicinity of Ross bay. One of the most interesting and interesting is the Jackson homestead on Hillside avenue. This place has been offered to the council at what is considered by real estate valuers as a very reasonable figure, and it is believed that with few alterations and improvements to the building it would make a very desirable "Home." It occupies a very commanding position, has a good scenic outlook, and is sufficiently far removed from the city to render the occupants immune from any of the temptations involved in the close proximity to the city. It stands "check by jowl" with the Protestant Orphans' Home, and these two institutions being so closely connected would permit of dual attention in a public way in a manner that is highly desirable.

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Evangelistic Services—The special evangelistic services at Emmanuel Baptist church continue to grow in interest. Last evening a large congregation assembled in the church auditorium and listened with great attention to an earnest address by the pastor of the church, Rev. Lefroy Dwyer. The choir, augmented by a number of friends, led the song service at 7:30. This evening Rev. J. F. Vichet will address the meeting, to which all are welcome.

Where is Linley Patton?—The address of present whereabouts of Mr. Linley Patton is very much desired by his anxious relatives. Mr. Patton left Athens and Licking counties, Ohio, in 1880 for Vancouver Island or the Sound country. Previous to that time he had been in Honolulu. He is described as about 40 years of age, unmarried, of medium height and with blue eyes. If any person in Victoria knows him or has known of him during the past twenty years it will be regarded as a great favor if they will communicate the fact to Rev. H. W. Graham, 646 Poplar street, station D, Portland, Ore.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.
How the City Council Might Render Great Public Convenience Cheaply.
Now that the Rock Bay bridge is not in the best condition even for pedestrian traffic, and absolutely closed for vehicles, there are many residents of Victoria West and beyond who are obliged to walk at any time they are so unfortunate as to miss the last car. If the E. & N. railway bridge were only kept open during the night so that foot passengers might use it, there would arise a paen of thanksgiving from the western suburbs. It is stated in this connection that Mr. Dunsinuir has expressed his entire willingness thus to accommodate the citizens. He does not see, however, and it is difficult to imagine why he should, that he should be called upon to pay the watchman extra wages in order that he may assume the added labor and inconvenience of getting up at all hours of the night to swing the bridge for vessels desiring to pass to or from the upper harbor.

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Admiral Palliser Sought Cocos Gold

Former Commander of Esquimalt Fleet at Head of Fitzwilliam Party.

Third Attempt of Retired Naval Officer to Recover Elusive Millions.

At the back of the story of the fight between rival bands of treasure-hunters on Cocos Island, of which news was given on Sunday, is a local story—a tale which concerns the search made for the treasure of Cocos Island by Rear-Admiral St. Leger Bury Palliser with H. M. S. Imperieuse and Amphion when the rear-admiral commanded the Esquimalt squadron. Rear-Admiral Henry St. Leger Bury Palliser, it is now stated in American exchange, whatever the source or value of their information may be, was a member of the expedition of Lord Fitzwilliam, which fought with the treasure-hunters under Harold W. S. Gray, whom they found searching for the elusive millions of the treasure island.

It is further stated in these same journals that it was the rear-admiral of the Esquimalt fleet who interested the adventurous Lord Fitzwilliam in the project to delve for the millions of Cocos Island. The tale goes back to an expedition despatched to the island in the South Pacific by a number of Victorians, sealers and others. They outfitted and departed in the sailing schooner Aurora, in charge of Captain Fred Hackett, with one Mrs. Brennan, said to be a relative of the captain of the Nova Scotia bark Mary Dea, which buried a large part of the stolen treasure on Cocos Island. The expedition was armed with plans, maps that would have furnished illustrations for any romance of treasure islands, and spades to dig with. They dugged, but in vain, and when the provisions were getting low they came home.

On board the Aurora when she landed at Spratt's wharf on an August day was one Charles Hartford, a watchmaker of Connecticut, who had been found by the treasure-hunters on the island when the Aurora arrived. He had with him an agreement in Spanish purporting to be a concession from the Costa Rican government, which claims Cocos Island. During his stay here Hartford met Mr. Harris, by whom he was introduced to Rear-Admiral Palliser, and when the Imperieuse and the cruiser Amphion set sail on the regular cruise to South American waters, both Messrs. Harris and Hartford were on board. The former being spoken of as "a correspondent of the New York Herald" and Hartford as an interpreter.

Rear-Admiral Palliser had become very much interested in the proposed search for the treasure of Cocos Island, and the ships anchored off Cocos Island in due course. Landing parties were sent ashore under Lieut. Lea, of the Imperieuse, and after three days' excavating at a spot designated by Hartford as the place of the treasure, they found the place of the treasure, water pouring into the pits the searchers had made prevented further work. The search was then abandoned, but before leaving a quantity of ammunition was expended in the way of a quantity of rock, which fell over the excavations of the sailors.

On his return to Esquimalt it is understood that the rear-admiral stated that he believed he had found the location of the treasure. He said that the Mary Dea's boat—the Nova Scotia bark—is said to have run away with the crown jewels, plate and treasures of Peru, placed on board when Callao was threatened with bombardment by the warring Chileans, and that the pirate's hidden gold. He retired from the service soon afterwards, and his friends started that he intended to go and search for the treasure on his own account. Some time ago it was reported that he headed an unsuccessful expedition to Cocos Island.

In the meantime the Blakeley, outfit by a Victoria company, made an unsuccessful cruise, and the cruiser Amphion visited Cocos Island, by request, to search for the treasure. The search was considered overdue. Captain Fleet reported many signs of treasure-hunters, who were gone, but there were none there during his visit.

Rear-Admiral Palliser seems—if the American journals are to be believed—to have given his information to Lord Fitzwilliam, after his unsuccessful attempt to find the treasure when he took a party there a couple of years ago on the steamer Lytton. At the same time another expedition seems also to have made its way to the island—and the fight reported on Sunday occurred when the two parties met. The expedition of Harold W. S. Gray is using a "List of Movements of British Yachts at Foreign and Colonial Ports from 1895," the following report is found: "Ros Marino, steam yacht, arrived at Punta Arenas, November 29, under the command of Captain H. M. S. Gray, and left for Isla del Coco." "Lloyd's yacht register gives Harold W. S. Gray as the owner of the Ros Marino, and says she belongs to the port of Southampton, England.

Rear-Admiral Palliser's party also used a yacht—or rather the tramp steamer Veronique, which is flying the flag of

the Royal Yacht Club. The vessel arrived a few days ago at Panama, and her company, other than the crew working the steamer, have gone to England by passenger steamer. The San Francisco Call says the Veronique is a British tramp steamer, but by virtue of her mission and the title borne by her charterer, she figures in the cable despatches as a yacht, and, when the Panama's officers saw her was flying the flag of the Royal Yacht Club. On board the Veronique were fourteen passengers, all members of a syndicate formed in England by Henry St. Leger Bury Palliser, formerly a rear-admiral in the British navy and once commander of England's Pacific squadron. Palliser is on board the Veronique. This is the third attempt he has made to find the Cocos Island treasure.

The secret of his hiding place was confided to him when he commanded the Pacific squadron. He needed the money, and without a word to his government headed his flag ship, the Imperieuse, for the island. He landed three hundred blue-jackets, and after satisfying himself that there was something in the story of hidden gold, and that he held the key to his hiding place, he withdrew his men and sailed back to Esquimalt.

Meanwhile the Costa Rican government protested to the British government against Palliser's action in landing an armed force without permission on Costa Rican territory. Palliser was recalled and retired from the service. He had lost his job, but still held the key to the treasure's hiding place, or thought he did. At any rate, he convinced his friends that he was in possession of a secret that was worth money. The British steamer Lytton was chartered to carry him to the island. That expedition was a failure. The hiding place of the treasure was found, but so deeply buried under the rocks and earth that recovering the gold was a bigger undertaking than the expedition was in command to carry out. After landing Palliser and his party at Panama, the Lytton came north and put in here October, 1903, short of fuel.

The Earl Fitzwilliam party, say the officers of the City of Panama, obtained a concession from the government of Costa Rica to search for the treasure on Cocos Island and, like all previous seekers, failed. The treasure was found, but so deeply buried under the rocks and earth that recovering the gold was a bigger undertaking than the expedition was in command to carry out. After landing Palliser and his party at Panama, the Lytton came north and put in here October, 1903, short of fuel.

WOMEN LEARN JIU JITSU.
Wives of University Professors Form Class to Study Japanese Art.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The wives of several Northwestern university professors have taken up jiu jitsu under the encouragement of the faculty of the institution, and classes for their benefit will be begun next week, by Miss Gretchen Hugin, the physical director for the women of the university. The first session of the class will be held next Tuesday morning, and the class will meet twice a week thereafter. Miss Hugin, who is an enthusiastic admirer of the Japanese system, has introduced some of its features into her work in the young women's gymnasium. The new class, however, will be given up exclusively to jiu jitsu, and Miss Hugin thinks the methods which combine are those most needed for the physical development of the American woman. Chicago women especially, who frequently have to fight for life with footpads, need some means of self-defense.

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Wreckage Found On Island Coast

Bowsprit and Part of Mast With Rigging Found Washed Ashore.

Steamer Kootenay Is Sold to a Nanaimo Man—Kanagawa Maru Sails.

The trend of tide and current in the North Pacific ocean has made Vancouver Island a veritable graveyard of ships; many a disaster has occurred on the rocky shores of the island and not all have been known to the world. During the winter months wreckage has often been found, indicative that some ship has met with disaster, but the mystery of her fate is never solved. This seems to have again been the case, for with the last mail received from the Island coast comes a letter from Nootka, which says: "On the beach about a mile west of Friendly Cove there lies a black painted bowsprit with considerable curving, finished with gold-leaf, but nothing else in the way of marks by which she could be identified.

"The bowsprit in question is in a good state of preservation, and does not show any signs of being in the water long. "Further along the beach there is a broken mast with part of the rigging attached, and considerable other wreckage. "Perhaps the most interesting item on the name of the vessel that has met mishap."

Some few weeks ago Lightkeeper Daykin of Carmanah told of the finding of a large amount of drift lumber and other wreckage, including a number of oaken casks, on the beach near Clooose and to the north of Carmanah point light. About the same time news was received from Uclulet of the finding of the body of an unknown man, badly decomposed, in the sea at Barkley Sound. Whether these finds have any bearing on the find made further north is unknown. Wreckage often drifts for a considerable distance on to the Island coast; for instance, once the steamer Walla Walla, lost off Cape Blanco, on the Californian coast, were found on the Vancouver Island coast.

GOES TO NANAIMO.

Captain A. F. Yates Buys Steam Yacht Kootenay, Through J. H. Greer.

J. H. Greer, ship broker, yesterday disposed of the well known steam yacht Kootenay to Capt. A. F. Yates of Nanaimo, who intends to use the vessel as a pleasure yacht. The Kootenay, which is well known to Victorians—she was used two years ago as a cruise passenger steamer—was the property of ex-Governor Edgar Dewdney, who used the vessel in connection with his mining and timber interests on the British Columbia coast. The Kootenay was formerly the property of Capt. J. W. Truitt, superintendent of the C. P. R. coast steamship service, who built the vessel when he was resident in Kootenay. She was then operated on Kootenay lake, but was transported to Victoria, when Captain Truitt took up his residence here.

STILL SEARCHING.

Steamer Maude Is Seeking Yet for Minnesota's Anchor and Chain.

The steamer Maude, of the C. B. Salvage Association, is still searching in Royal Roads for the anchor and chain which the big liner Minnesota lost in the Royal Roads on the occasion of the arrival of the ship from New London. The place where the anchor was lost was not clearly shown to the would-be salvagers, the buoys having been put down a mile apart and in the deep water and the anchor has been dragging for some days. One anchor has been found, a five-ton mud-hook with a wooden bar, which is worth about \$300, and the crew hope to locate the larger anchor.

In order to facilitate the work a heavy magnet has been affixed to the drag and the salvagers hope to achieve success with this. The anchor weighs eight and a half tons and with 60 fathoms of heavy chain—the links are 2½ inches thick—that was lost at the same time the weight will reach 25½ tons. The anchor is worth about \$2700.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Unatilla Reaches Port—Queen Has a Rough Trip South.

Steamer Unatilla reached port yesterday from San Francisco with a light complement. The ship, which is a rough, but uneventful voyage. The Queen had a rough passage south. A San Francisco despatch says:

"Fine weather for this time of year," said Capt. Cousins, of the steamer Queen today, as he walked ashore at Broadway wharf.

"Something terrible," "Seaside from Plattery to Point Reyes," shouted a woman passenger to an inquiring friend on the Queen rounded Plattery to find a howling northern waiting to chase her on her southern way. After twelve hours' boreas withdrawn in favor of the south wind, which, with a little disturbing head sea that caused much discomfort to those passengers whose stomachs were not seasoned to the ups and downs of an angry ocean.

KANAGAWA MARU.

Japanese Liber Will Sail This Afternoon for the Orient.

Steamer Kanagawa Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, is to sail for the Orient. It is not certain whether she will make her usual call at the outer wharf. The steamer has on board about a hundred passengers, principally Japanese, and a cargo of 5,000 tons of flour, barley, fish, cotton and cotton goods, comprising the Visayan village, from these islands, who are now on their way from the east, where they have been on exhibition since the close of the St. Louis exposition. These Filipinos will arrive in special cars probably on Friday before the departure of the steamer, and will be conveyed directly aboard her. Nearly all of the boat's first-class accommodation had been reserved and when she leaves port she will have a large passenger list, many of them people who will come from the eastern states for the purpose of going to the Philippines or the Orient on the new steamer.

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TO REPAIR SHIP.

Representative of Owners of Haddon Hall in the City.

Capt. Barkley, representing Messrs. G. de Wolf & Co., owners of the British ships Haddon Hall and Penthesilea, now at Esquimalt, is at the Vernon hotel. He has come from England to superintend the repairs necessary to the Haddon Hall as a result of the stranding of that vessel in South America. The Haddon Hall will be hauled out of Esquimalt for a marine survey, and then specifications will be drawn up by Lloyd's agents for the repairs necessary to the ship. Bids for the work will then be invited. The Penthesilea, which is loading at Esquimalt, will probably take at least two thousand tons of naval stores to England.

THE POLTALOOCH

Has Shipped Crew at Esquimalt Port Townsend Notwithstanding.

Many of the British ships which come to British Columbia ports to load cargo have contracts made in England with their owners to ship crews at Esquimalt. The sailors' boarding house men having represented to the British shipowners that crews cannot be secured at British Columbia ports, the government has taken steps to put a stop to the ladies ships leaving British Columbia ports without crews to ship men at Port Townsend and elsewhere out of Canada, and collectors have been instructed not to clear vessels which have not their full complement of seamen on board.

The British ship Poltalloch is one of the vessels which has a contract with the Port Townsend firm which supplies sailors, but Capt. Young is a Britisher and an invalid, and the crew from Esquimalt, contract or no contract, and he has the crew on board. The Poltalloch, laden with lumber from Chemainus for Melbourne, is to sail tonight, and the crew will probably still be on board. For the past two nights a watchman has been on guard, and reports that strange boats have come out into the Roads to speak the vessel at dead of night, but he refused to allow communication with the ship.

AT SANITARIUM.

Capt. John B. Libby Is in Serious Condition of Health.

Capt. John B. Libby, who for several weeks has been ill at Providence hospital, was on Tuesday taken to Portland to be placed in a private sanitarium. He started for Portland with City Detectives Easton and Tennant, and after a short stay had started that it did not require the services of both to take him, so Tennant returned to Seattle.

Capt. Libby was stricken in his office several weeks ago, and at that time removed to Providence hospital, where he has been since. His mind failed him rapidly, until it became necessary to place him in an institution where he can receive proper care.

Capt. Libby was manager of the Puget Sound Turbott Company, and one of the best known steamboat men on the coast.

HARD TRIP FOR GEO. W. ELDER.

Waves Wash Over Decks of the Old Steamer.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—Sixty-seven hours were occupied by the steamer George W. Elder, arriving yesterday, in making the trip from Astoria. Ordinarily the run from the mouth of the Columbia to Seattle in 48 hours. On this trip, however, gales of unusual severity delayed the Elder's progress, and at the worst of the storm the great waves swept clear over the

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steamer. For six or seven hours off the northern California coast the vessel lay hove to, wallowing in the sea, and while under headway met such resistance from the strong southeast gales that she could make no progress. Spray from the big waves was carried down the ventilators into the fire room, and the steamer rolled and plunged in most reckless fashion. Heavy seas were encountered all the way from the Columbia. But all through the gale and the "humping" of the steamer no damage was done to the Elder, and none of the 40 passengers on board suffered injury.

MARINE NOTES.

A refrigerating plant to cost \$10,000 is being installed on the steamer Jefferson. Steamer Corwin, formerly a revenue cutter, and now in the merchant service between Seattle and Nome, is being converted into an oil burner. Steamer Mowara, of the Canadian-Australian line, which was scheduled to arrive today from Australia via ports, will be two days late, having been two days behind her scheduled time in leaving Honolulu.

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